

Appl. No. 10/711,313
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REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species from the following two different species:

5 - Embodiment I (Figure 3): including claims 1-7 and 11-17, drawn to a circuit, which a clock divider initially dividing the reference clock signal

- Embodiment II (Figure 6): including claims 8-10 and 18-20, drawn to a circuit, which a programmable delay circuit initially delaying the reference clock signal

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Response:

The applicant hereby elects the following species:

15 **Embodiment I (Figure 3): including claims 1-7 and 11-17,
drawn to a circuit, which a clock divider initially dividing
the reference clock signal**

20 for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims
readable on the elected species are claims 1-7 and 11-17.

Accordingly claims 8-10 and 18-20 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof; however, the applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) based on these claims.

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Additionally, applicant has added new device claim 21 and new method claim 22. Applicant asserts that new claims 21 and 22 are generic to both the above-listed

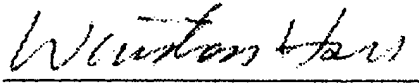
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embodiments of the present invention and therefore also read on the elected species.

No new matter is introduced in this response to Office action. Consideration of claims 1-7, 11-17, 21, and 22 readable on the elected species is requested.

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Sincerely yours,



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